

COVID-19 Notice:

Grand jury tours of detention facilities may not be possible or advisable this year due to COVID-19.

While the grand jury is mandated to “inquire” into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county (usually considered to include only state-run prisons), they can conduct such an inquiry of either a state prison or a county or city detention facility by researching recent reports on the facility or conducting one or more interviews (perhaps remotely). It should be noted that *no report is required* on an inquiry (PC §919), and that a report can only be issued if it is based on a full investigation.

The end-of-term consolidated report can list as one of the grand jury’s activities that they conducted an inquiry into the named facility. That should be all the information that is provided. No facts, findings, or recommendations may be included because the grand jury did not conduct a full investigation.